



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3226**  
Akihiko OHTA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0407A  
Serial No. 10/527,219 : Group Art Unit 1725  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 16, 2006, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.*

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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